

In the Specification:

Please replace the title with the following title:

**A PACKAGING REEL WITH AN OPTICAL FIBER UNWINDING DEVICE**

On page 1, after the title insert the following:

**RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This is a U.S. National Phase Application under 35 USC 371 of International Application PCT/FR2003/003494, filed on 25 November 2003.

**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

Page 1, before line 22, insert the following heading:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Page 3, before line 31, insert the following heading:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Page 3, amend the paragraph beginning on line 31 as follows:

~~Thus the technical problem to be solved by~~ One object of the present invention is ~~that of~~ ~~proposing to provide~~ a cable packaging and unwinding device comprising a spool in which there are formed two winding areas for two continuous sections of a cable and a stowage area for the ends of the cable sections, enabling the exact length of cable necessary for connecting two connection points to be unwound easily and quickly and a residual surplus length of cable to be

stowed in a protected area, to prevent the cable from being subjected to any twisting or crushing and to obtain a reliable connection between the two connection points.

On page 4, delete the paragraph beginning on line 5 through line 16 in its entirety and insert the following:

One aspect of the present invention is directed to a cable packaging and unwinding device comprising a spool in which are formed two winding areas for two continuous sections of a cable and at least one stowage area for at least one end of one of the two cable sections. In this device, the spool takes the form of a drum having two lateral flanges and an interior flange, such interior flange defining the two winding areas and including an opening forming a passage for the cable between the two winding areas. The two lateral flanges have a notch forming a passage for each cable section from the stowage area to the exterior of the spool, and the spool is mounted to rotate about an axis (A) inside a substantially cylindrical casing in which are formed openings forming a passage for each cable section.

On page 4, delete the paragraph beginning on line 27 through line 31 in its entirety and insert the following heading:

#### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

On page 5, before line 13, insert the following heading:

#### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**